

Santo (Espirito-Santo) Island Bird Checklist

Vanuatu, Nth.

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Australasian Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae</i>	Res bre	P,	1,25,33,
2.	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna pacificus</i>	Res	20 offshore 20/21 Nov 2004, 1 obs 21.10.2001 in Big Bay.	40,68,
3.	Wilson's Storm-Petrel	<i>Fregatta oceanicus oceanicus</i>	Vag?	1 obs to NW	10,
4.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster plotus</i>	Res	1 obs Jul 62, 1 obs Port Olry 20 Jun 2012,	11,58,
5.	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor minor</i>	Res	1 obs of 3	10,
6.	Little Black Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>	Res?	1 obs with Black Duck Jun 2013.	58,
7.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res bre	C, Grey form observed several times. Obs 1971 <12km up Apuna R. Obs. 2002 - 2006, 10 obs 2002 2 obs Oct 2013,	1,4,25,27,31,33,45,61,66,
8.	White-faced Heron	<i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i>	Res	1 obs 11.4.1995. 8 obs Apr 2007,	57,67,
9.	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	Res	LC on Sarakata R. P. 1971, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,4,12,25,31,45,
10.	Swamp Harrier	<i>Circus approximans approximans</i>	Res bre	P over some forests & short grass areas 1971. 2 on 21 Nov 04, 1 Hog Bay – Vatthe Oct 2014, 5 obs Apr 2007,	25,31,33,40,63,67,
11.	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>	Vag	C, R, Obs near Ipayato Village Jun 1985,	1,4,62,
12.	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falcon peregrinus nesiotus</i>	Res bre	C, U, P Nokovula forests 1971. 2 obs Apr 2007,	1,4,25,31,33,67
13.	Brown Goshawk	<i>Accipiter fasciatus</i>	?	1 at Belaru 21 Nov 2004,	40,
14.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa pelewensis</i>	Res bre	Uncommon. Obs 1877, Obs 1971. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 17 obs 26 Jun 2012 at mouth of Jordan R.	1,4,12,13,25,31,33,37,45,58,
15.	Hardhead	<i>Aythya australis</i>	Res bre	P	25,33,
16.	Red Jungle Fowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	Intro?	P 1971. 1 Coll. 1929, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, UC in dry & wet upland sites 2003, 9 obs Apr 2007,	31,39,45,47,67,
17.	White-browed Crake	<i>Poliolimnas cinereus</i>	Res bre	P,	33,
18.	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Gallirallus philippensis</i>	Res bre	C. Obs in short roadside veg. 1971. A few Nov 2004, 1 coll Obs since 2002, 20 Hog By – Vatthe 2014, 2 obs Oct 2013, 2 obs Oct 2013, 18 obs Apr 2007,	1,4,25,31,33,39,40,45,63,66,67,
19.	Vanuatu Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius layardi</i>	Res bre	Reduced due to increasing Pigs & cats 1877. Nests & eggs Hog Har, Obs Puna R. 1971, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, P in only wet upland site not dry site, 3 Vatthe Cons 29 Oct 2014, 6 obs Apr 2007,	8,9,13,25,28,31,45,47,63,67,
20.	Purple Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio samoensis</i>	Res bre	C. P. 1971. 3 obs Sanma Sep 2011,	1,4,25,31,59,33,

21.	Beach Thick-knee	<i>Esacus magnirostris</i>	Res?	2 seen E coast between Kerepua & Vusi	1,
22.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis f. fulva</i>	Sum mig	C. 17 Oct few, 18 Oct 50, 19 Oct few, on farmland. F juv Coll. 1899. 2 in br plumage 4 in win plumage Jun 2007, 3 obs Nov 2011, 1 obs Oct 2013, 6 obs Apr 2007,	6,12,27,29,46,65,66,67,
23.	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica baueri</i>	Sum mig	Recorded at mudflats in mouth of Sarakata R Luganville,	1,6,12,
24.	Black-Tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	Sum mig	Rare	1,4,
25.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus variegates</i>	Sum mig	Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 1 obs Oct 2002, 1 obs 9.4.2015,	45,61,64,
26.	Eastern Curlew	<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i>	Sum mig	1 obs 9.4.2015,	64,
27.	Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>	Sum mig	Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 1 on pontoon Luganville Jun 07, 2 coll 27 Mar 1929,	39,45,46,
28.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incana.</i>	Sum mig	1 obs 25.10.2002 4 km NE of Wusi,	61,
29.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres interpres</i>	Sum mig	P 1877, C. <50 feeding between rows of radish plants Oct. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	4,13,27,45,
30.	Arctic Jaeger	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	Mig	3 rees	10,
31.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii cristatus</i>	Res	P 1877, UC, 20 birds Jul.62, Obs. between 2002 & 2006, 6 obs Port Olry Village & Malet Island, Jun 2012, 1 obs 9.4.1964, 30 obs 2002, 2 obs Nov 2011, 2 obs Oct 2013,	4,11,13,45,1160,61,64,65,66,
32.	Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscata</i>	?	39 off N,	10,
33.	White-throated Pigeon	<i>Columba vitiensis leopoldii</i>	Vag Bre	C. C 1877, 1F1M Coll. 1899. Obs Apuna R. but not other forests 1971. 4M Coll. 1 Nov 2004, 2 at Loru 2012, 1 28 Oct 2014 Vatthe Cons Area, 6 obs Apr 2007,	1,4,25,29,31,37,40,56,63,67,
34.	Rock Dove (Pigeon)	<i>Columba livia</i>	Intro	6 obs near market area obs 9.4.2015,	64,
35.	Mackinlay's Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia m. mackinlayi</i>	Res bre	C. Single birds crossing roads.. F Coll 1899. Obs in all 3 forest sample sites 1971. 5 skins examined. 2 Coll. 1929. 3 in Nov 2004, P Loru 2012, 25 obs 29 Oct 2014, Vatthu Cons A. 40,56,63,	1,4,25,27,29,31,37,39,
36.	Pacific Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps longirostris</i>	Res bre	C. Obs 1877, VC in disturbed habitats Eggs 1899. F Coll. 1899. 1 netted at each of 3 sites 1971. 1 M Coll. 1-3 coll Apr 1929. C Nov 2004, C Jun 2007, More common in disturbed forests than heavy forests 5 coll 2003, MC Loru 2012, 15 obs 29 Oct 2014 Vatthe Cons Area,	1,4,12,13,25,27,28,29,31,33,37,39,40,46,47,56,63,
37.	Santa Cruz Ground Dove	<i>Gallicolumba sanctaecrucis</i>	Res bre	Rare 1 seen in lowland forest.	1,4,12,25,27,
38.	Red-bellied Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus greyii</i>	Res bre	C. 1899 3 Coll. 1899. Obs at 3 forests 1971. Coll. 1920's 2 Coll. 1929. <3 seen Nov 2004, Photos Jun, Dec 04 Jan 05. C in dry and wet forests low & high, disturbed and mature forests, 9 spec coll 2003, 6 obs 29 Oct 2014 Vatthe Cons A. P in lowland mixed forest/plantation. 1M coll. 1899. Obs Apuna R. 1971. UC at Belaru Nov 2004, Breeding Apr-Jun, & Oct-Nov, 6 obs Apr 2007,	25,28,29,31,38,39,40,42,47,63
39.	Tanna Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus tannensis</i>	End Vanu	P in lowland mixed forest/plantation. 1M coll. 1899. Obs Apuna R. 1971. UC at Belaru Nov 2004, Breeding Apr-Jun, & Oct-Nov, 6 obs Apr 2007,	12,25,27,29,31,40,47,67,
40.	Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus regina</i>	Res bre	P,?	33,
41.	Vanuatu Mountain Pigeon	<i>Ducula bakeri</i>	End Vanu	C. Appears confined to >1000m on West coast. Obs Regrowth 1971, Holotype & 2 others Coll. W. side. 4M1F Coll. Obs since 2002, More common at wet highlands than dry highlands 2003, 2coll,	1,4,12,25,30,31,34,37,45,47,
42.	Pacific Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula p. pacifica</i>	Res bre	A 1877, C. usually 2-4 together in highland forest & mixed Obs at Puna R. & Hog Harb forest but not in mature	4,13,25,27,31,37,39,

43.	Coconut Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus massena</i>	Res bre	regrowth.1 Coll. 1929. MC at Loru Nov 2004, Photo Jun 04. 40,43,63, 20 obs 29 Oct 2014 Vatthe Cons Area, C. VC in all habitats, except primary forest where UC. Obs at 1,4,25,27, Opuna & Hog Harbour 1971. 1-6 Coll. 1929. VC Nov 2004, 31,33,39,40,55, F coll by Buxton Jul 1925 AMNH, 27 Obs 29 Oct 2014 Vatthe63,
44.	Palm Lorikeet	<i>Charmosyna palmarum</i>	Res bre	C Obs 1998. 2 coll Elephant Is 1899 UC. Periodic flocks in 1,4,13,24, mature regrowth Nokovula 1100-1500m 1971. Only in high 25,29,31, wet forest not dry flocks of 2 & 6 in figs 2003, 47,
45.	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis flabelliformis schistaceigularis</i>	Res bre	C. 5 spec. AMNH. 1 obs Oct 20 & 29. 3 coll 1899. 55 Coll. 1,8,9,25,27, 1933 at Hog Harbour. 0 found there nor its host Robin in 1971. 28,29,31, Apparently migrates within Vanuatu. 1 Coll. 1929. 32,33,39,
46.	Shining Bronze- Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus layardi</i>	Win mig	Common Obs 1877, Obs 1998. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 1,4,7,13,24, 1 at Loru Sep. 2012, 5 obs 24 Oct 2002, 25,45,56,61,
47.	Eastern Barn Owl	<i>Tyto javanica interposita</i>	Res bre	C. 1 spec. AMNH. 1 caught by hunter + 1 obs. 1 M. coll 1899. 1,4,8,9,25, Obs over cleared land 1971. Obs between 2002 & 2007, 27,28,29,31, 1 obs Hog Bay – Vatthe Oct 2014, 6 obs Apr 2007, 33,45,63,67,
48.	White-throated Needletail	<i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i>	Vag	1 obs 14.1.2016 @ Warwick le Lagon, 69,
48.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta uropygialis</i>	Res bre	C. Obs 1877, The most common bird < hundreds. Eggs & 1,4,13,25, nest 1899. Obs at Opuna and Nokovula <20 birds Wonatsuri 27,28,31,40, Cave Nokovula & 20-100 in Lemthen Thac Cave 1971, P Nov 46,47,53,61, 2004, C Jun 2007, Feeds lower than Uniform, though flocks of 400 flying W at Tsaraepae 2003, 9 skins AMNH, 100 at nest site in “Banyan” tree 4 km NE of Wusi Oct 2002.
49.	White-rumped Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus spodiopygius</i>	Res bre	C, No recs 1979-99, Obs 1877, Obs 1998. Not seen 2003, 12 1,3,4,13,24, obs 11.4.1995, 25,47,57,
50.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus v. vanikorensis</i>	Res bre	C. Obs 1877,12+ spec. AMNH <40 seen mostly in coastal low-1,4,13,22, lands, Coll 1M 1899. Obs at Apuna R. 20-100 birds Lemthen 25,27,28,53, Thac Cave Hog Harb. 1971, P Nov 2004, C at all sites visited 31,40,47, on Santo 2003, 10 obs 29.10.2014 Vatthe Cons Area, 63,
51.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris</i>	Res bre	16 seen on 8 days in Lowland open forests, none seen other 2,25,27, days 1 Collected up river 1899. P 1971. 2 Coll. 1929.C 2004, 28,29,31,33, Obs. between 2002 & 2006, Ranged higher in open forest 39,40,45,47, than heavy forest 2003, 3 obs 29 Oct 2014 Vatthe, 6 obs Apr 63,67, 2007,
52.	Chestnut-bellied Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus farquhari</i>	End Vanu	C. 2 coll. 1899 Hog Hrb. 8 netted Apuna R & 3 at Hog Hbr.’71 1,4,12,25, 2 Obs Belaru Nov 2004, Obs. between 2002 & 2007, 28,29,31,35, Most common in high canopy forest. 4 obs 29 Oct 2014 Vatthe 45,47,63,67, 5 obs Apr 2007,
53.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sancta</i>	?	MC. 40,13,
54.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica subfusca</i>	Res bre	C. Obs 1877, 1 coll. 1899. Local around school Hog Harbour 1,4,13,25,28,29 & along Apuna R. 1971. 1-3 Coll. 1929. P Nov 2004, 31,39,40,46,64, C Jun 2007, 3 obs 9.4.2015, 12 obs Apr 2007, 67,
55.	South Melanesian Cuckoo-Shrike	<i>Coracina caledonica</i>	Res bre	C,U, 1 Coll 1877, C in highland forests, Obs at all 3 netting 1,4,12,25, sites. 1-4 Coll. 1929. 3 Belaru Nov 2004, 1 Luganville Jun 27,31,33,39,40 2007, 2 obs 2012, 1 obs 29 Oct 2014 Vatthe, 6 obs Apr 2007, 46,56,63,67,
56.	Polynesian Triller	<i>Lalage maculosa</i>	Res bre	Common in forest, 1 coll. 1926. P. 1971. Ranged higher in 1,4,5,12,20,

57.	Long-tailed Triller	<i>Lalage leucopyga</i>	Res bre	open forest than heavy 2003, C 2 coll, 1 netted Nokovula 1971. 2 Belaru Nov 2004, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 10 obs 29 Oct 2014 Vathe,	25,31,47, 1,4,5,20,25, 31,33,40,45,63,
58.	Island Thrush	<i>Turdus poliocephalus vanikorensis</i>	Res bre	Common. #'s netted = 12 @ Nokovula, 11@ Apuna R, 16 @ Hog Hbr. 1-4 Coll. 1929, P in dry but not wet forest and shows signs of contraction since human arrival, 2 obs 29 Oct 2014 Vathe, 9 obs Apr 2007,	1,4,25,31, 39,47,63,67,
59.	Melanesian Thicketbird	<i>Megalurulus whitneyi whitneyi</i>	Res bre	C,U in Forest Type spec 1926 2500ft. UC Best 1500m. 4 netted Nokovula 1 at Hog Hbr. 1971, 3 spec coll 1933-35, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,4,12,15, 25,31,44, 45,51,
60.	Fan-tailed Gerygone	<i>Gerygone flavolateralis correae</i>	Res bre	C Host to bronze cuckoo. Obs all 3 netting sites 1971. 2 seen Nov 2004, Ranged higher in open forest than heavy 2003, 1 obs Apr 2007,	1,4,7,12,24, 25,31,33,40,47, 67,
61.	Grey Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albiscapa brenchleyi</i>	Res bre	C in open & closed forest 6+ spec.AMNH. P. 1971. MC 2004, MC Jun 2007, 2 coll. Apr 1929, C 2012, 12 obs 28 Oct 2014 Vathe, 2 obs Apr 2007,	1,12,23,25,31, 39,40,46,49,56, 63, 67,
62.	Streaked Fantail	<i>Rhipidura verreauxi spilodera</i>	Res bre	C,P in thick bush 4 spec. AMNH 2 spec BM. 1MIF Coll 1899 16 netted at Apuna R & 7 at Hog Hbr 1971. 3 Coll. 1929. C Belaru & Loru Nov 2004, Ranged to higher Alt in dry forests, 6 obs 29 Oct 2014 Vathe, 25 obs Apr 2007,	1,4,12,23,49, 25,29,31, 35,39,40,47,54, 63,67,
63.	Rufous Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufifrons</i>	Res bre	?	33,
64.	Buff-banded Monarch	<i>Neolalage banksiana</i>	End Vanu	C. on coast, 2Ad 1 imm responded to 'squeaking'. MC 1899. 2M 1F coll. 1899. 24 caught at Nokovula 15 at Apuna R. 12 at Hog Hbr. 1971. 2 Coll. 1929. 6 seen Nov 2004, Obs. 2002-07, In both wet and dry forests but preferring thickets 2003, first Descr of song, 9 coll 3 repro active, nest and fledglings Nov 2003, 3 obs 29 Oct 2014 Vathe, 14 obs Apr 2007,	1,4,12,13,18, 25,27,28,29, 31,35,39,39, 45,47,63,67,
65.	Southern Shrikebill	<i>Clytorhynchus pachycephaloides grisescens</i>	Res bre	C in forest 30 Mus specs. 2 Coll. 1899. 4 netted Apuna 5 Hog 5 Coll. 1929. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, Only found in high wet forest and not in one of two lowland forests 2003, 6 coll, 1 coll by Buxton Aug 1925, 2 obs 29 Oct 2014 Vathe,	1,4,12,16,25,29 31,35,39,45, 47,52,55, 63,
66.	Melanesian Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra caledonica marinae</i>	Res bre	C. Obs 1877, LC in and near Coconut plantations. Obs at 2 netting sites 1971. 1-9 Coll. 1929. Pr + nest Belaru Nov 04, 6 obs 29 Oct 2014 Vathe, 6 obs Apr 2007,	1,4,12,13,17, 25,27, 31,33, 39,40,50,63,67,
67.	Pacific Robin	<i>Petroica multicolor ambrynsensis</i>	Res bre	C. 10 netted at Nokovula not seen elsewhere. Obs., between 2000 & 2006, Restricted on this island to >500m not on others, see Erromango 3 specimens coll. all repro active, 1 obs Apr 2007,	1,4,20,25,31, 33,45,47,67,
68.	Common Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis intacta</i>	Res bre	C Obs 1877, 15 obs on 10 of 50 days –mostly highland forests Eggs 1899 & locals taught author diff between M&F. Imm coll 1899, 22, 26 & 23 mist netted at 3 sites 1971. 1-8 Coll. 1929, 2 obs 2004, Obs. between 2002 & 2006, 12 obs 2014, 24 obs Apr 2007,	1,4,12,13, 16,25,27, 28,29,31,33, 39,40,45,63,67,
69.	Yellow-fronted White-Eye	<i>Zosterops flavifrons brevicauda</i>	End Vanu	C. VC except in highland forest.. 15 & 1 netted at 2 of 3 sites 1971. 3 coll. 1926/7. 4 Coll. 1929. C 2004, C up to 1250m with silveryeye in most hab but alone in mature forest 7+ coll,	1,4,12,25, 27,31,36,39, 40,47,61,63,67,

70.	Silvereye	<i>Zosterops lateralis vatensis</i>	Res bre	50 obs 2002, 12 Obs 29 Oct 2014 Vatthe, 15 obs Apr 2007, C. Obs 1877, UC in bush near coconut plantations. Coll 1899 1,4,25,27, Plantation, 1M1Fcoll. 1899.1 netted at one of 3 sites 1971. Coll. 28,29,31,33, Sep 1926, 1-11 Coll. 1929, C 2004, C Jun 2007, 2 obs 2011, 36,39,40,46,65, 8 obs Apr 2007, 67,
71.	White-bellied Honeyeater	<i>Glycifohia notabilis</i>	End Santo & Malekula	C. 5 spec. AMNH. Dawn chorus heard several times. 4 netted 1,4,12,21, at 1 of 3 sites 1971, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, More common 25,27,31,45, in high wet forests than dry 2003 4 spec coll 1 reprod. active, 47,48,63, 20 obs 29 Oct 2014 Vatthe Cons Area,
72.	Cardinal Myzomela	<i>Myzomela cardinalis tenuis</i>	Res bre	C Spec. AMNH. M coll. 1899. Obs at all 3 netting sites 1971. 12,21,25,29, 1-4 Coll. 1929. 2 at Belaru Nov 2004, Photo 2005, C Jun 2007 31,33,39,40, 10 obs 29 Oct 2014 Vatthe Cons Area, 41,46,63,
73.	Royal Parrot-finch	<i>Erythrura regia</i>	Res bre	C,U 1 obs at 1 of 3 netting sites 1971. 1,4,12,25, 31,
74.	Chestnut-breasted Mannikin(Munia)	<i>Lonchura castaneothorax</i>	Escapee	Common, Spread from Luganville, 10 obs Big Bay N.P. 1995, 1,4,57,63,65, 50 Hog Bay – Vatthe 2014, 35 Obs 2011, 200 obs 1-4 Apr 2007,67,
75.	Black-headed Munia	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>	Intro	? on grasslands P. 1971. MC 2004, VC Jun 2007, 1,4,12,31,40, 46,
76.	Red-billed Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>	Res bre	Common 1,
77.	Santo Mountain Starling	<i>Aplornis santovestris</i>	End Santo	Common > 1000m. “rediscovered 1991 >1400m. 1,4,12,25, 44,
78.	Rusty-winged Starling	<i>Aplornis zelandica rufipennis</i>	Res bre	C. 1F Coll 1899. Obs at 1 netting site 1971. 1-4 Coll. 1929. 1,12,25,28, 29,31,39,
79.	Common (Indian) Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	Intro	C. P. 1971. C 2004, C June 2007, 12 Hog Bay – Vatthe 2014, 1,4,12,31,40, 28 obs Nov 2011, 46,63,65,
80.	White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus tenuis</i>	Res bre	Obs 1877, C. F coll 1899. Obs at one site 1971. 1 Coll. 1929. 4,12,13,25,29, 3 seen Nov 2004, 31,33,39,40,

KEY

Ecological status

End = Endemic to Island unless otherwise stated, **Res bre** = Resident breeder, **Res** = resident ie breeding not proven or not likely. For sea birds it means they have or should be found in that area: note other refs. **Vag** = Vagrant, **Res/mig** = Part of population migratory, **Sum mig** = Summer migrant, **Win mig** = Winter migrant, **Spr/Aut mig** = Passage migrant in Spring and Autumn, **Intro** = Introduced.

Abundance

R = rare, **S** = scarce, **UC** = uncommon, **MC** = moderately common, **LC** = locally common, **C** = common, **VC** = very common, **A** = abundant, **P** = present.

Colour coding applies only to one species on a particular list. eg. An abundance comment in red for the Brown Booby refers to the Ref # in Red for that species only.

Alternate Island Names & alternate common Bird Names are recorded in two separate spreadsheet files.

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